

# **Welcome to Worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 8, 2022**

*Happy 12th Anniversary Grace Band*



**In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.**

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor**  
**Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

**All worship can be viewed online at  
newhanoverlutheran.org, facebook.com/  
NewHanoverLutheranChurch  
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you  
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

*Dan Forrest arr. by Douglas E. Wagner Tune: AMSTERDAM from Foundery Collection (1742)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now* ELW #448

Children's Choir *This Little Light of Mine*

*African American Spiritual*

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Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

# Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

The Reading            Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading for the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Here ends the reading

Gospel Reading    Matthew 3:13-17  
The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

The Rev. Scott Staub

Blessing and Dedication of the Drums

Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing as we set apart these drums for the glory and praise of God.

*The assembly stands. The leader begins the thanksgiving. The Drummer places their hands on the drums.*

Sing with joy to God our strength

**and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**praise God with strings, drums, and pipe.**

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.

The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory. You alone do great wonders, and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth.

You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song. In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints.

Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song. Send your blessing upon us and upon these drums, which we dedicate to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it.

By your Holy Spirit, let these drums, enliven the proclamation of your word to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

On this glorious twelfth anniversary of our Grace band, Let us pray.

Lord God, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: accept these drums for the worship of your church, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Song of the Day      *Holy Spirit*

by Brian Torwalt & Katie Torwalt  
(CCLI#6087919)

Nicole Ewing, Ryan Houck, Donna Kehs, Lindsey Waltemyer, and  
Josh Young

### Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

### Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

### Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

### Interlude

Your Presence Lord

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Your Presence Lord

Your Presence

Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

### Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God,  
Receive our prayer.

## Offertory

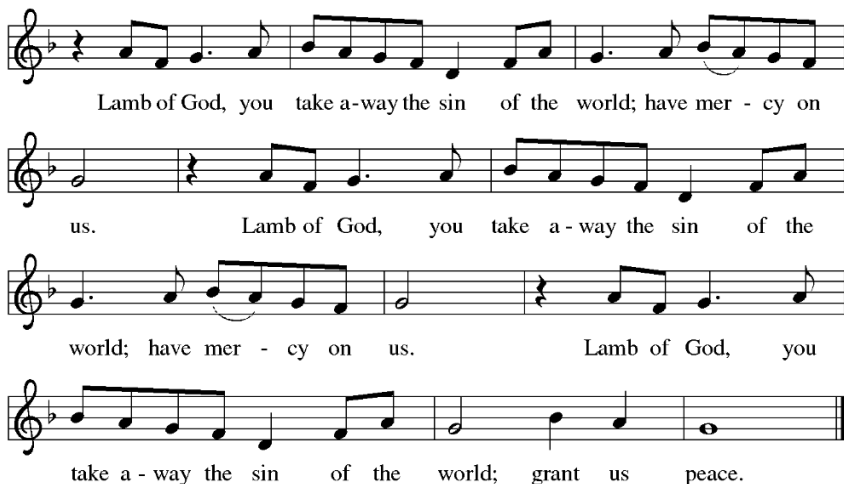
Anthem *Born For Us That Christmas Night* Chancel Choir

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## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for  
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this  
for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone.*

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.  
*(The response is "Amen", then eat the bread).*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.  
*(The response is, "Amen", then drink the cup).*

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,



and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Song    *Hello My Name Is*  
By Matthew West (CCLI #6439969)

Nicole Ewing, Ryan Houck, Donna Kehs, Lindsey Waltemyer, and  
Josh Young

Intro

Woah woah woah

Woah woah woah

Verse 1

Hello my name is regret  
I'm pretty sure we have met  
Every single day of your life  
I'm the whisper inside  
That won't let you forget

Verse 2

Hello my name is defeat  
I know you recognize me  
Just when you think you can win  
I'll drag you right back down again  
'Til you've lost all belief

Pre-Chorus

These are the voices these are the lies  
And I have believed them for the very last time

Chorus

Hello my name is child of the one true King  
I've been saved I've been changed

I have been set free  
Amazing grace is the song I sing  
Hello my name is child of the one true King

### Interlude

Woah woah woah

### Verse 3

I am no longer defined  
By all the wreckage behind  
The one who makes all things new  
Has proven it's true  
Just take a look at my life

### Bridge

What love the Father has lavished  
Upon us that we should be called His children  
I am a child of the one true King  
What love the Father has lavished  
Upon us that we should be called His children

### Ending

Woah woah woah  
I am a child of the one true King  
Woah woah woah

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### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in C*

*Michael Ryan*

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## Announcements

**Sound and video assistants needed** for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at [pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org) or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

**Sponsors are needed.** Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

**Help avoid conflicts.** Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church.

## Today

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and best wishes for 2023 to our church family from Norm and Brenda Hunsberger.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Rick Hausch, Jim Gross; Lector: Donna Kehs Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: London Meeker

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Adam Becker, Bryce Manthorne; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

**Altar Guild Serving this Month** Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt

## Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 1

**Adult Forum: Politics & Religion** – Today, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scouts** – Monday, 6:30 PM, room 1, 21-31, 33, 37

**Christian Education** – Monday, 6:30 PM, room 33

**AARP Board** - Tuesday, 10:00 AM, Room 30

**Chosen 30** - Tuesday, 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran

**Boy Scouts** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

**Finance Committee** - Tuesday, 7:00 PM via zoom

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico

**12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Children's Choir** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

**Thursdays at Ten** – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

**Bell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**Worship & Music** - Thursday, 7:00 PM, Music Room 34

**Sewing Bee** - Saturday, 9:00 AM, Room 32/33

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico  
**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** – Next Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM,  
room 1 (fellowship hall)  
**Adult Forum: Politics & Religion** – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:05  
AM, room 33  
**Rejoicing Spirits** - Next Sunday, 2:30 PM

## Upcoming Events

**Constant Contact** is a weekly email offering events and worship news. Did you get an email from Constant Contact this week? If not, don't miss out! Sign up by calling the church at (610) 326 1335 or emailing cc-admin@newhanoverlutheran.org.

**Politics and Religion Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33.** Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions. The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

**Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children's Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children's Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the bell choir program, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

**Thursdays at Ten**, our midweek adult faith formation gathering, meets each Thursday from 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33.

**Senior Ministry Discussion Meeting**, Monday, January 23 at 10:30 AM in Room 33. A follow-up discussion on topics including the creation of a grieving ministry, ride share, archive initiatives, activities, and more. Please join us if you are interested in getting involved. Please contact Pastor Scott with any questions or ideas.

**The church book club** will be meeting **Tuesday, February 7** at 6:30 PM at The Grind in Boyertown to discuss Gracie's Secret by Jill Childs. All are welcome to attend! To stay up to date with what's happening, join the group's Facebook page, NHELCC Book Club. If you aren't on Facebook, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com for information.

We're extending the holiday season! **Our Seniors Ministry Christmas Luncheon and Program is now our "Winter Luncheon"** and has been rescheduled to **Thursday, January 12**, at noon. We will still celebrate the recent season with "The Carols of Christmas". Joining us will be our former Director of Music Priscilla Landis to lead us in a festive time of carol singing and a sharing of the background of some of our beloved Christmas carols. We'll begin with a delicious lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches prepared by Chef Chris. We are asking folks to bring a dessert treat to share (maybe leftover Christmas cookies?). A new sign-up sheet will be placed on the desk in the Welcome Center. Even though the sign-up deadline has passed, you can still attend, please contact Deacon Carol at cdetweiler01@comcast.net. And bring a friend or two!

## **Electronic Drum Set Dedication**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*

*~ Psalm 100: 1-2 (NIV)*

On January 8, 2023, at the 9:00 AM worship service, a new electronic drum kit will be dedicated from memorial

contributions given in memory of Donna Kehs' mother Nancy Moser.

The new electronic drum kit being used by the GRACE praise band is being dedicated today. The drums were acquired with contributions given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Nancy Moser. She always loved music! Although Nancy usually attended the early service, she would frequently worship at the late service on GRACE Sundays in order to hear the praise band. It is our hope that the new drum kit can enhance the musical experience as we praise God through both in-person and online worship. The GRACE sound team is now able to control the drum volume electronically which balances the sound with the other instruments and vocals. We are thankful for the donations that made this possible.

## You Can Help

### Remember the old fashioned Sewing Bee?

It started as a pink pillow given to breast cancer surgery patients to support their incision during post op breathing exercises. The pillows were shaped like a heart to fit under the arm and across their incision.

Since then it has become for anyone having surgery or just needing a HUG. During the height of the pandemic, our supply ran low. New Hanover donates these pillows to local hospitals. We made over 100 pillows almost contactless.

It is time to do it again. Since we are presently not quarantined, we are going to meet this **Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Room 32/33**. So mark you calendar. You do not need to be able to sew to join us. There are lots of jobs. If interested please contact the church office or contact Georgann Geiser. Leave a message at 484-680-4287.

**NHELCC will be collecting non-perishable items** throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be

distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Please consider **donating 2023 calendars** to be distributed to the inmates at the Phoenix (formerly Graterford) Prison. Please drop off your calendars in the box provided in the Welcome Center. These calendars are a much-appreciated gift enjoyed by the inmates.

**Sponsors needed for 2023.** You may now sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, communion, and the *Word in Season* online using <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship> The link is also on the NHELC website on the Get Involved menu. If you prefer, you may also sign up by contacting the church at (610) 326-1335. The suggested donation for the flowers and the *Word in Season* will be increasing to \$40. The bulletins and communion will remain the same at \$20. Thank you for your support!

**Looking for volunteers** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958.

**A Capital Funds Campaign** is underway. Help NHELC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.



## Food Ministry

**More than 100,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

## Spiritual Renewal

**The *Word in Season* daily devotion books** January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com) or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your

prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

**Prayer Warriors Wanted** You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELCS Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

## Thank you

*Dear Pastor Scott,*

*I would like to thank you for the food donation! It is really appreciated and a big help to us. When we leave rehab, a lot of us aren't financially sound and need help from others. Again thank you so much for the donations.*

*Shawn Baskin*



# Remember in your prayers

## Requests

Trevor Martin, Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Jean Renninger, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Robert Ganovsky, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns, Mary Van Dyke, Pr. Jennifer Phelps, Jessica Trout, Denny Smith, Verdi Smith, Mabel Gaugler, Andy VanDyke, Pat Freed, Sandy Wesner, Alice Nester

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

## Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

## Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

## Grieving

For all those who grieve.

## Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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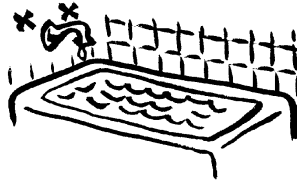


# Send

## Water everywhere

We use water all the time for many things.

Find pictures of three things that could use water.  
Draw a line to the kind of water they need.



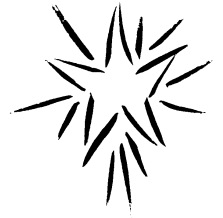
Talk about the water of baptism, the water that gives us new life, washes away our sins, and splashes us with the good news that we are God's children.

## This week

Look at pictures from baptisms in your family and tell baptism stories.

# Kids Celebrate

Baptism of Our Lord



## gather

Welcome to worship.

Epiphany days are a time for seeing in a new way. Baptism is our time to begin a new life: one that is connected to Jesus. In baptism we are claimed as God's children and marked with the cross of Christ.

Trace the baptismal font and add water drops to the picture.



Are there baptisms during worship today? Write the names of those being baptized. Keep them in your prayers this week.

## Jesus' baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

Imagine being there with John and Jesus at the water.

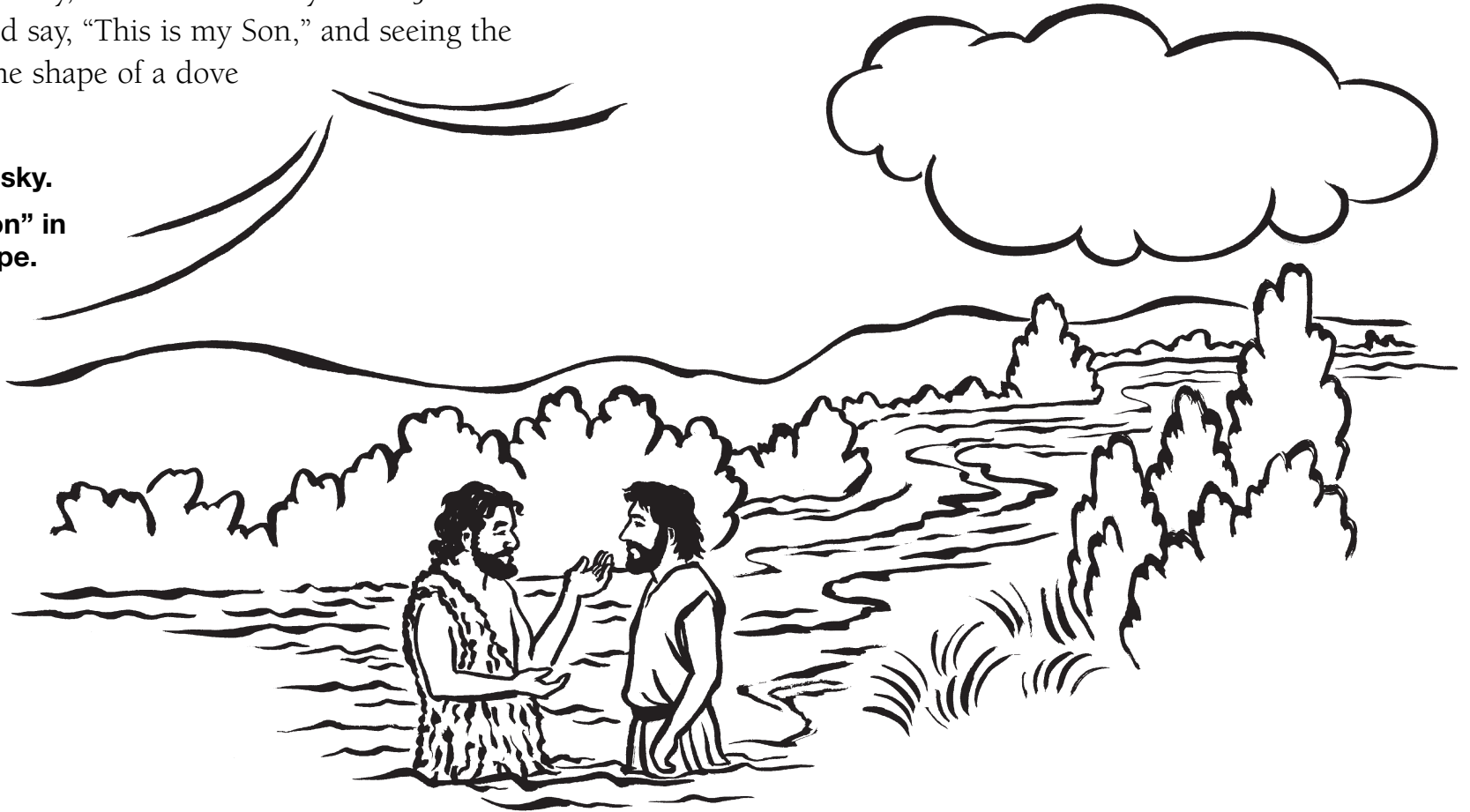
Here's another "epiphany," another new way to see Jesus.

Imagine hearing God say, "This is my Son," and seeing the sky open to show the shape of a dove coming to Jesus.

**Draw a dove in the sky.**

**Print "This is my Son" in the puffy cloud shape.**

**Draw a triangle connecting God's words, the dove, and Jesus.**



*Dear God, we celebrate being a part of your family.  
Thank you for your everlasting love. Amen*

The triangle is a symbol for the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Listen for that three-part name for God in worship, especially during baptisms.